on 31st March, 1985 was estimated to be Rs. SI.88 crores-

(b) (*Rs in crores*)

Year	Amount deposited into Public Provident Fund	Amount withdrawn
1982-83 . .	109·29	3·80
1983-84 . .	143·04	15·84
1984-85 . . (RE)	165.00	60.00

fc) Yes, Sir. Public Provident Fund ac-counts are for a period of 15 years. However, an option is available 10 th_e subscriber to continue subscription to ihe fund after 15 years and get th_e tax benefits. Fven if he does not intend lo make further subscription,, he i_s permiflcd to continue the account in which case the balance will ear,, tax free interest till it is withdrawn.

Export of cliemicals'lo persons in India by Sikh manufacturers of USA

1947. SHRi RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention IKS been drawn to report to the effect that a number of Sikhs settled in United States and engaged in the manufacture of Chemi cals are exporting their products to per-in India in a clandestine manner t8 be used for nefarious purposes like the preperation of high power explosives; and

(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained whether the imported chemicals were used for the manufacture of high power explosives by the Sikh terrorists in India.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRi P. A. SANGMA), (a) and (b) Government have no such information.

Non-acceptance of Indian goods by importers

1948. SHRI PARVATHANENI UI*-ENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE b_e pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware thai some importers have returned the goods imported by them from India on the ground that either th_e same were not as per specifications|samples or substanderd material had been used in the manu facture thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against such exporters and also laid down any guidelines in the Ser;

(c) what are the details of the defaulting entrepreneurs, action taken against therm ami foreign exchange lost during 1983-84 and 1984-85 as a result thereof;

(d) whether Government have received fresh orders for the same goods and fromi the same countries which returned the goods; and

(e) if so. the details thereof and what steps Government have taken to ensure that the goods exported are as per speci fication;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRf P. A. SANGMA).- (a) and (c) Usually acceptance or refusal of goods is a matter between exporters and importers and snch cases are $know_n$ to the Ministry when the parties approach it with their complaint. As such it would not be possible to furnish the information. No estimate of loss of foreign exchange due to quality complaints is maintained.

(b) Erring exporters are punished under the provision of Hie Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 and also under Customs Act. The exporters are also liable for de-reauislration from; the Membership in the respective FPCs) Commodity Boards in case Quality com plaints are established.

(d) and (e) Export orders are not placed with the Government.